

### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the specification are made to make the figure legends consistent with the replacement drawings submitted herewith. The specific changes to the drawings and amendments to the specification are as follows.

The invention fusion proteins depicted in Figure 1, which were previously “darkly shaded,” have been changed herein to open bars in order to increase the resolution of the figure. Accordingly, the phrase “darkly shaded” has been deleted from the figure legend of Figure 1 (specification at page 6, line 29 to page 7, line 10), consistent with the revised figure.

The figure legend of Figure 1 has been further amended to describe the 5 amino acid fusion bridge of the “Fused” invention fusion protein as amino acids 3-7 of SEQ ID NO: 80, consistent with the portion of SEQ ID NO:80 surrounded by brackets illustrated in Figure 1.

In the schematics shown in Figures 7A-E that depict dimers and multimers of receptor FDs, those which were previously “shaded,” have been changed herein to stippled in order to increase the resolution of the figure. Thus, the term “shaded” has been replaced with “stippled” in the figure legend of Figure 7A-E (specification at page 9, lines 12-19), consistent with the revised figure.

Thus, the subject amendments merely make minor changes in the appearance of the drawings and amend the specification in order to conform with these minor modifications to the drawings. Therefore, the amendments of the specification and drawings submitted herewith are fully supported by the application as filed and introduce no new matter. Accordingly, entry of this rule 312 amendment is respectfully requested.

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In the event any issues remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures: Copy of Seven sheets of Replacement Drawings